The Report on the Conduct of the War.

Millions of Dollars Worth of Stores Destroyed at Richmond.

The Benefit of the System of Furloughs.

OUR LOSS IN THE LATE CAVALRY FIGHTS.

OFFICERS FOR THE AFRICAN REGIMENTS.

he Tax on Transactions in Gold.

THE TRIAL OF COLONEL D'UTASSY STOPPED.

Decial Dispetch to The N. Y. Tribune.

Washington, Monday, March 23, 1963.

THE SITUATION ON THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI. The report of the military situation on the Lower Mississippi, brought from New-Orleans, is believed here to be the correct one. It agrees with the statements embraced in the dispatches in the Rebel journale in all unessential particulars, but differs from them in stating that the fleet were successful in passing Port Hudson instead of being repulsed, and that the Mississippi ran aground and was burned by its new, instead of being sunk by the Rebel batteries.

The fact that the Rebel journals have had so little to say about their alleged victory over Admiral Farragut, and that one of them has mourned over recent reverses in the South-West, the precise nature of which it did not particularize, is considered corroborative of the truth of the dispatch from Baton

THE YAZOO PASS EXPEDITION The dispatch to the President from Cairo, an-

bly proved successful, of which THE TRIBUNE gave the substance in Friday's issue, was followed by another from the same trusty hand, dated Columbus, Ry., and received yesterday.

This latter says, upon the authority of a Rebel Captain belonging to John Morgan's staff, that Fort Pemberton, defending the Tallahatchie Pass, bas been taken, with a few prisoners, by our fleet and army, which have for so many days been painfully making their way toward the rear of Vicksburg.

Dispatches from Admiral Porter indicate, in consequence of the necessarily slow progress of the expedition, moving sometimés not more than a mile a day, and the publicity given to it, the enemy has made such ample preparations for resistance that Gen. Grant has found it necessary to dispatch reenforcements to overcome it. Admiral Porter also says that "great distress prevails among the Rebels in Vicksburg for want of supplies."

LAW.

The War Department is making good progress

with the appointments under the National Militia Law. Those for Ohio, New-York and Massachusetts are nearly completed. Those for the other New-England States. Pennsylvania and New-Jersoy will next be taken up. No announcements, as has been heretofore stated, will be made until the the best man for each place irrespective of party. THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR REPORT.

Major-General to call for a Court of Inquiry. THE SUFFERING AMONG THE REBELS.

Col. Ludlow, our Commissioner for the exchange of prisoners, who is here, confirms, on the strength THE TITLE TO THE NEW QUICKSILVER MINES of the way. of evidence that has fallen beneath his own obser-

Ford was 59 killed and wounded and 21 taken

OFFCERS FOR THE AFRICAN REGIMENTS.

The War Department is in receipt of numerou applications from officers to be transferred to commands in African regiments. The success of the Florida expedition has greatly stimulated the zeal of

THE TAX ON TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD.

The Commissioner of Internal Revanue answers several important questions in the following letters.

Sin: In your letter of the 14th inst. you admit mile. A delegation of Use is expected important questions in the following inquiries: First: Does the law as passed interview with the legation of Use is expected passed interview with the legation of Use is expected this week. The object of the Government is to form over than three days as send contracted taxable upon the currency arguments taxable upon the par value among the text to be calculated upon the currency arguments taxable upon the par value among the currency arguments taxable upon the par value among the following completion. The preliminary report which has been printed, will be followed by volumes of the contract. For example, \$1,000 gold contracted for at \$1,007 for 60 days willing and signed by 100 to the delivery of parties or their agents, or attorneys, and stamped in a tem equal to ponchaif of one per catum of the gold that are the graph to the contract is a sense of the delivery of parties or their agents, or attorneys, and stamped in the contract of the same quit to ponchaif of one per catum of the gold of a given of passing and stamped are valid.

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terest. If, however, a party should loan sixteen hundred dollars in currency upon the pledge of one thousand dollars in gold or silver coin, of the United States, such loan would be utterly void.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

C. F. ESTED, Acts. Comms.

To A. Campusil, eq., Chairman, ac., New-York.

MOVEMENTS OF MR. HARRINGTON. Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury Harrington went to New-York in this morning's train.

DISMISSAL OF ONE OF GEN. M'CLELLAN'S STAFF Major Lawrence Williams of the Sixth Regular Major Lawrence Williams of the Sixth Regular She is Fired by the Crew and Abandoned. GREAT DISTRESS IN VICKSBURG. staff last Winter, has been summarily dismissed the service. He has been spending much time in New-York, of late.

THE COURT-MARTIAL IN COL. D'UTASSY'S CASE

DISMISSED.

The court-martial convened for the trial of Col. D'Utassy of the Garibaldi Guard on charges of extortion, slander and forgery of which the numerous specifications cover more than 60 printed pages was fissolved to-day by Gen. Casey for what reason is not positively known. There is, however, reason to be-lieve that one of the alternatives suggested by those who have examined the case will be adopted, either Col. D'Utassy will be dismissed the service without a trial on the ground that the case is so patent against him as not to justify further invegtigation and expense of time and money, or that he will be brought before the general court-martial soon to as; semble in New-York for the trial of Gen. Blanker and Col. De Forrest of the Ira Harris Guard on ing as yet. similar charges.

GEN. CASEY ORDERED TO CENTREVILLE. Gen. Casey and staff have been ordered to Centre

THE OLD ALMADEN MINING COMPANY. The statement that an injunction has been issued against the Old Almaden Mining Company under the decision of the Supreme Court is denied at the Attorney General's Office.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINING SURGEONS. The following Examining Surgeons have been ap-pointed: Dr. Robert A. Wells, Jefferson City, Mo. Dr. Reuben Sears, Bear Creek, Iowa; Dr. Loren nouncing that the Yazoo Pass expedition had proba- J. Ames, Mount Morris, N. Y.; Dr. John H. Blue,

THE MILITARY CONFIRMATIONS. An official list of the military confirmations by the Senate has just been sent to Gen. Hooker.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 23, 1863.

A NEW POTOMAC RAILROAD BRIDGE. The Washington and Alexandria Railroad Com bridge, near the site of the present Long Bridge, over the Potomac, which was authorized by the last Congress. The plane and estimates are now in the surse of preparation by Mr. Silas Seymour of New-York, who is represented to be one of the most skillful and experienced engineers in the country. This work, when completed, will add greatly to the transportation facilities of the Government during the war, and will furnish an important link which APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE NATIONAL MILITIA has long been wanting in the chain of railroad comation between the North and South.

> ORGANIZATION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMNIA.
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> The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia THE DISTRICT

organized to-day; present Chief Justice Carter, and associates Olin and Wiley. R. J. Meiga of Tennessee was sworn in as clerk.

Judge Carter addresseds the members of the bu list is completed. The Department is seeking to find of whom a large number were in attendance, saying among other things, that this being a new court new rules and regulations become necessary. The Judges after consultation, had agreed to require the oath of expressed upon several occusions his determination to push his way out to sen the moment the grand working hard at their report, which is to be made loyalty, as enacted by Congress in July last, to be working hard at their report, which is to be made loyalty, as enacted by Congress in July last, to be expedition fitting out at Port Royal rets sail. Draw-ended the for April. It is said that it will contain taken by all the practitioners at that bar. This was not ing but 11 feet of water, he will avoid Fort Pulaski, from any spirit of caprice, or because they doubted and attempt to escape by the way of Wassau Sound. the loyalty of the attorneys. It had been subscribed to by Senators and Judges, and no gentleman could decline to take it.

IN CALIFORNIA.

of prisoners, who is bere, confirms, on the strength in CALPORNIA.

It having been currently reported that the title to the property extended that the loss were applied to the property of th

point which it may not be now prudent to mention.

The officers of the navy feel confident of success,

ervation, but time is necessarily required to perfect all the arrangements to secure that end.

CONFERENCE WITH INDIAN DELEGATIONS. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs had a satisfactory conference, to-day, with the representatives of the Chevennes, Kiowas, Camanches, Arapahoes, Apaches, and Cuddos. These Indians are from the

THE AFFAIR AT PORT HUDSON. THE YAZOO PASS EXPEDITION.

THE BATTERIES ATTACKED AT NIGHT. ALL THE VESSELS IN THE TALLAHATCHIE

THE MISSISSIPPI RUN AGROUND. The Heart of Mississippi in Our Possession

THE ARMY WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE WORKS.

WASHINGTON Monday March 23, 1863. The following was received here this morning, a dressed to Col. Stager, by steamer to New-York: SOUTH-WEST PASS, La., March 15, 1863.

1By telegraph from Eaton Rouge, March 14.] Com. Farragut, leading in the Hartford, attack the Port Hudson batteries last night at 11 o'clock with his fleet. The steamer Mississippi ran aground; was abandoned and burned. The firing on both sides was rapid and severe. The army is within five miles of the enemy's works, in good spirits and bound to

CHARLES S. BULKLEY, Assist. Sup't of Military Telegraph, Gulf Department.

FROM FORT PULASKI.

win. Cavalry skirmishes bave been the only fight-

Com. Tatnall in Trouble-He Mysteriqualy Loses one of his Best Officers and Several Seamon-He is Enlightened as to their Whereabouts-The Rebel Ram Savannah-Com. Tatnall Going Out to Sen If he Can - The Monitors and Others Auxlous to Meet Him-Active Operations Expected Soon-Visit to the Port-Gun Practice-How the Soldiers Pass their Time.

m Our Special Correspondent.
Fol. 7 PULLARY, March 18, 1863. Com. Tatnall, discovering that he had suddenly lost one of his best officers and several seamen from the floating battery Georgia, sent down a messenger, under a flag of truce, to-day, to learn of Col. Barton of the 48th N. Y., commanding at Fort Pulaski, what had become of them. Col. Barton simply returned the answer that the officer and seamen were prisoners of war within our lines, leaving officer in question were deserters from his navy, full morning was dark and stormy, and signals were of valuable information, which they were willing any are making preparations to construct a railroad him to learn from other sources that all but the

to disclose to Gen. Hunter.

In another letter, of the 16th, which may not pos sibly reach you as soon as this, I have given the facts of this descrition in detail. Coming so suddenly upon the descritions of last week, they would indicate the control of the control cate that there is considerable disaffection in not only the Rebel Army, but the Rebel Navy. These seamen, while out in a boat with Licut. Bevill last Sunday, for the purpose of selecting positions for the most advanced pickets, resolved to desert upon discovering that Lieut. Bevill had thrown discovering that Lieut. Bevill had thrown himself in their power by taking of his revolver and allowing one of his men to pick it up and retain it. Unarmed, of course he was compelled to yield to them when told they were rowing him in the direction of Fort Pulaski, with the intention of delivering themselves up to the commander of the fort.

Under the flag of truce to day, the friends of Lieut. Bevill sent him \$100 in gold and his trunk.

Lieut. Bevil sent him storm good and had a the seamen received nothing, it is thought their dissatisfaction with the service was known before dissatisfaction with the service was known before they left. These seamon confirm all the statements made by the deserters of last week.

The Robel ram Savannah will be ready for offen- five cents. every direction. Port Royal barbor will furnish boat No. 1. If he continue at the large is over, him work for a week—if the Monitors are only out rid of a number of cannon before the siege is over, him work for a week—if the Monitors The "chivalry" must have been very indignant

rill not be out of the way.

Daily the iron-clad fleet is increasing.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 23, 1863. Rear Admiral Porter, in a dispatch, says he has received information from Lieut.-Commander Watson Smith that on the 7th inst. the whole expedition arrived in the Tallahatchie, which gives us control of the heart of Mississippi. The vessels all got through in fighting condition excepting the Petrel, which lost her wheel entirely. This movement of which lost her wheel entirely. This movement of the control of the coast of the Hebrides. energetically at work preparing themselves against all contingencies. There is much distress in Vicksburg. The occupants have no meat, but are living almost exclusively on corn meal.

## THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.

Another Sham Gunbont Running the Rebel Batteries-Her Warm Reception-More my Indianant at the Loss of the India-Canal and the Crevane-Hygienic Condition of the Army-Cordurey Roads-Meteorology and Mud.

rom Our Special Correspondent.

ARNY OF THE TENEMESER, opposite Vicksburg,
Below Young's Point, Medicon Parish, La.

Thursday evening, March 12, 1863.

No mail has gone North from here since my I Below Young's Point, Medicon Parish, La.

Thursday evening March 12, 1862.

No mail has gone North from here since my last letter was written. The dispatch-boats continue to increase in regularity and diminish in number, on account of the impressment of steamers on the Western and Southern waters into the service of the Government.

"Contrary to the belief expressed in a former dispatch, the authorities concluded to let the water in at this point at sundown to-day.

"The water is now pouring in, and threatening friend and foe alike.

"The aperture is twenty feet wide already, and is visibly widening at the mouth.

"By morning the greater part of the town of Lake Providence will be submerged." Government.

On the morning of Tuesday, the 10th, between and 2 o'clock, another sham gunboat, which had been prepared some days before, was turned adrift, and floated in formidable and bellicose style down the current in the direction of Vicksburg. She was soon perceived by the Robel sentries, though the for the hostile vessel.

was plain a sensation prevailed in the Secession stronghold. Lights flitted rapidly to and fro; rockets gleamed in the air, as the sable Quaker noved down the Mississippi, and the enemy was for the U.S. Quarterment ovidently resolved to make the running of the blockade, this time, a very serious business

Kinety shots were fired at the "Yankee Doodle," as we call her, which must have cost the "Confederacy' some \$2,000, while the scow herself was constructed at an expense of six dollars and seventy-

A deserter says the Rebels burst two of their gune, one thirty-two and the other a sixty-four Capt ounder, on the occusion, which, if true, must have rendered their amusement somewhat unprofitable, pecuniarily as well as otherwise. The enemy, according to account, exploded four or five guns in firing at the Queen, Indianola and the sham gun-boat No. 1. If he continue at this rate, he will get

The "chivalry" must have been ver when they found themselves duped by nard on water. The "Yunkee Doodle"

In addition to the interest attached to the fort itself, we were all favored with a view with the naked eye of the Rebel doaring batteries, the Georgia and the Atlanta. Of course, from our point of observation, we were only able to see the dark hulks in the dim distance, and nothing whatever in detail to enable us to grasp points for description.

Scientific and mechanical failures, these great clumsy machines are of but little service to the Rebel cause. Drawing eighteen feet of water, they cannot reach the occan without passing Fort Pulsat.

—an experiment which would experte them to almost certain destruction. As harbor detenses they are not considered of much value, for they can be easily run aground, and once fast in the mud it will take weeks to lift them out.

as I do daily in my walks or rides along the levee—
the only road—the poor soldiers in their worn tents,
crowded together over the very graves of their comrades, eating, sitting, sleeping in a burial place,
whose rude head-boards are hourly increasing.
The sickness of the Army of Tennessee has been
greatly exaggerated, and is still, I am led to believe
from the accounts in the straggling Northern papers
which reach us from time to time. Disease is principally confined to the new levies; the old troops
bearing up bravely, giving little employment to
their surgeons. In a recent letter I mentioned the
apparently excellent provisions for the sick, and I
am quite sure if they are not properly cared for, the
fault rests with subordinates in the Medical Department. The General Hospitals I have not been able
to visit, but hear ravorable reports of them.
All of McClernand's Corps, the Thirteenth, has
now gone to Miliken's Boad, where their health
will be improved on account of the higher ground,
and consequently more salubrious situation. The
weather has again become clear, pleasant and warm,
and its continuance will augment convalescing
materially.

The troops near Young's Point seem just now to

breaking wagons. Wrecks of vehicles are as common as those of vessels off the coast of the Hebrides. Soldiers actually lose their boots and pull the solve off in the firm mire, and trains go groating through the terraqueous soil more melancholy and miserable than the ghos s in Dante's vision of the "Inferno." JUNIUS.

## PROM LAKE PROVIDENCE.

Sr. Louis, Monday, March 23, 1963.
The Democrat, of this city, has a special dispatch from Lake Providence, which says that the water nola-Experiment of the Lafayette-The was let into the canal at that place on the evening of the 16th inst.

The Tribune has a special dispatch from Lake Providence dated the 16th inst., which says: Contrary to the belief expressed in a former dis

Arrival of the Steam-transport Mississippi. with a Number of the Officers of the Harriet Lane and Queen of the West. Paroled.

FROM THE GULF.

The U. S. steam-transport Mississippi, Capt. Baxinformation, which they were willing made to the commanders of the batteries to prepare ter, arrived at this port last evening from New-Orleans, Ship Island, Key West, and Hilton Head. From the deck of Admiral Porter's flag-ship it She brings a large number of passengers. Among her passengers are a number of officers belonging to the Harriet Lane and Queen of the West, who turn as paroled prisoners. She also the merchandise

> Tae heavy guns spoke out bravely as the scow outed by in screne indifference. They fairly belight in port. While the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been which a vide of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been dependent of the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been dependent on the peterhoff was been dependent on the prize-neamer Peterhoff was been dependent on the peterhoff was been dependent lowed with rage. The shells shricked and the Key West, a soldier named John Leggett, belonging great round-shot howled as they flew over and fell to the 4th Massachusetts Battery, died on board, and around her; but on she went, unburt and unchecked, was buried in the Military Cemetery at that place. till the foo lost eight of her in the bend of the river. The following is a list of the Mississippi's passen-

Recrossing Duck River-Gen. Joe Johuson to Command the Rebels at Tulla-

that the next blow will be struck on a Gulf City. It strongly intimates that Mobile is the real object of

Advices from the Yazoo Pass expedition represent that the movements are slow, but that there is every prospect of getting through successfully.

Our forces had debarked near Greenwood, and were besieging Fort Pemberton. A number of our transports were badly damaged

in getting through the Pass. The ram Lioness overhauled the Rebel steamer Parrallel with 3,000 bales of cotton on the 10th inst., crowding her so closely that the Rebels were com-

SOUTHERN NEWS.

It Urges Mutiny and Revolt by Our Soidlers It Says They Will Starve in the

Impoverished South.

But They Can Feast on Fat Things in

Eastern Cities. REBEL REPORTS FROM FREBERICKSBORG

THE DUTY OF THE NORTH-WEST. Never were States in a more critical condition than than those of the North-West are at this moment. Their fate hangs trembling in the balance, and not as hour set to be leaf if they would decide their deatiny as freemen. Ten millions of people, composed to great part of men of Southern nativity or extraction, and inhabiting as beautiful and fertile a land

Transports Damaged—Burning of Cotton.

Cincinnati, Monday, March 23, 1863.

Gen. Burnside and his Staff will arrive in this city to-morrow morning.

Gen. Tuttle desiring to enter the field, Gen. Buford has been appointed as his successor, and will take command at Cairo to-day.

The Commercial has a special dispatch from Murfreedboro' which says, it is reported that the Rebels have recrossed Duck River in force.

General Joe Johnston it is expected will take immediate command of the Rebel ermy at Tullahoms.

The Mobile Advertiser of the 15th inst. claims that the anticipated attack on Charleston is a feint, and that the next blow will be struck on a Gulf City.

bution of favors ought to inspire them with resentment and resistance.

But it is to the soldier in the field that the North-West most look for dolivorance. If he will but say he word, they become a free peopla fin a day. If he submits like a sheep to be led to the shanbles, end to be butchered for the sake of the magno-happier, freer, and better feet then hinself—then the North West is lost. True, the soldier is a slave, and can be made to sight against his will but not if he is adiotic cancions, and willing to bide his time. A company or a regiment may mutiny and throw down their acms, but they will be compelled to take them up again, or be fired into by Abolition brigades. But if they are smart they will know now and when sud where to strike; they, will snowed and return rejoicing to their homes. Two years of hard work and poor pay—of digging such as no negro ever did—of endurance of

If there must be wars and he must fight, why should he not rowding her so closely that the Robels were compelled to run her ashore and burn her.

The Rebels burn the cotton ou every plantation as the army advances.

The Christian Commission.

St. Louis, March 22, 1863.

A large and enthusiastic meeting in behalf of the Christian Commission for the army, was held here to-night. Maj.-Gen. Curtis presided. Stirring addresses were made by Messrs. Jones and Burnell of this city, Gen. Strong, and the Rev. B. W. Chouteat. Liberal contributions to promote the object of the Commission were secured.

down the Yankees and in overthrowing the despotsing coin as the Southerners are. The thoughts to which we given expression are by no means new: they must he curred to every reflecting mind morth of the Ohio. We know that this structe will ever reach those for whom intended. Lincoln's spies are comprotent, and his Cee the Press delights to exclude Rebel newspapers from the campa. But should our suggestions server reach of the companies of the co

We subjoin a few crows in denouncing illegal im-received at this office?

Months, March 6.— Your course in denouncing illegal im-pressment and unjust action, in laws generally, must meet the pressment and unjust action, in laws generally, must meet the general approval. The communication on the subject, in general approval. The communication on the subject, is post policy, is a very valuable maxim to all Governments. It best policy, is a very valuable maxim to all Governments. It has been post to a probability and the post in hand NHLSSN CC. Va., March 10.—While my peak is hand NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is hand NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is hand NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is hand NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is hand NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the peak is the NHLSSN CC. Va. March 10.—While my peak is the p

All impressment systems, the world round, now and here See Eighth Page.

TALL LYING ABOUT THE RECENT CAVALRY FIGHT.

The Situation in Middle Pennessee